

I am in agreement with the sentiment that LEC's (Local Carrier Exchanges) should continue to allow other ISP's on their networks to the degree that competition is maintained. To allow the LEC's a free pass would tend to make them lazy. No business is perfect but competition is one of the best methods known to man to ensure that they keep striving for perfection

Bell companies operate an "essential facility", and should have to accommodate other ISP firms that wish to purchase access from them. This wholesale provisioning will stimulate competition and be of benefit to the consumers. To not do so would cripple the '96 Telecom Act. Chairman Powell: Please do not sell out to BIG BUSINESS, at the expense of competition and the small businesses of our country.